

REMARKS

DOUBLE PATENTING OBJECTION

Claims 7-13 and 16-26 were rejected only under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of Chigasaki et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,672,330 in view of Matsui et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,648,308 and provisionally rejected as being unpatentable over claims 14-25 of copending Application No. 10/270,515. Without admitting to the propriety of the rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer which overcomes these rejections.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due in connection with this response to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

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